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1. We have a small though developing situation ("problem"

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Routing Techniques

is too strong a word) about which you may wish to do nothing, but		
of which you should at least be aware. The attached two documents		
are symptomatic examples. As you know, at your direction, we		
established the system for relaying to Dr. Kissinger and/or		
Secretary Rogers information and intelligence on Indochina-related		
matters of particular importance and/or sensitivity. To my eyes,		
the two appended memoranda are perfect examples of the type of		
documents system was established to handle. In both		
cases, I suggested to my FE colleagues that these ought to be sent		
to Dr. Kissinger with a . In both cases they were quite		
embarrassed but had to report that the DDP had directed otherwise		
2. I have no desire whatsoever to engage in any kind of		
jurisdictional squabble with Tom Karamessines or his office. It		
does seem to me, however, that since a channel has been estab-		
lished to perform a specific function, it ought to be consistently		
used for that purpose. Keeping Indochina documents of this nature		
in gives us a control and a record (including a log		
number) that ought to be comprehensive. It will be comprehensive		

only if it is used in all relevant cases. Otherwise, we will start proliferating routes by which sensitive Indochina documents get to the White House and this, in turn, could cause complications at

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3. I am afraid that if I push any harder with my colleagues than I have already, my overtures are likely to be misconstrued. I, therefore, suggest that if you share my views, the next time a document similar to those hereto attached comes up for your signature, you might indicate that it is your desire that such material be handled within established for that purpose.

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Attachments

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